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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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: Examiner: D. Tran
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: Group Art Unit: 2624
Application No.: 09/342,926)
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For: IMAGE PROCESSING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD : September 2, 2005

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant respectfully directs the Examiner's attention to the documents listed below and on the attached Form PTO-1449. Only a copy of the Japanese document is enclosed, pursuant to 1276 O.G. 55 (August 5, 2003), together with its English-language abstract.

U.S. Patent No. 6,072,464

JP 09-321996

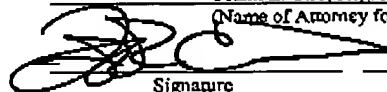
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These documents were cited during prosecution of a Japanese patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application.

In this regard, U.S. Patent No. 6,072,464 is believed to be an English-language counterpart of the Japanese reference.

Inasmuch as the subject application has not yet received a first Office Action, it is believed that this Information Disclosure Statement is timely. See 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)(3). Accordingly, the Examiner is urged to study this information in its entirety and to form an independent determination of the materiality of the information to the claimed invention. Additionally, the Examiner is requested to indicate that this information has been considered by initialing the appropriate portion of Form PTO-1449.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, CA office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

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